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Warriors of the North



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319th Air Refueling Wing

Mission: The 319th Air Refueling Wing is the finest combat air mobility wing in the world's greatest air and space force.

Vision: To be the best at everything we do!



Air Refueling

Week of
March 13 - March 19

100 %

Air Land

Week of
March 13 - March 19

80 %

Snow Line: 747-SNOW
(7669)



Drawing the future

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Warriors of the North...Thank you

By Col. Mark Ramsay
Wing commander

On Tuesday I will relinquish command of the 319th Air Refueling Wing and wanted to thank all of you for your unwavering support of our wing and nation as we carry out the Global War on Terrorism.

I also want to thank you for taking care of each other through our Wingman culture and improving our ability to execute our global air mobility mission. By working as a team we have accomplished many of the goals we established in 2003.

I stated on day one that our people are our most important resource. Since then, we've worked hard to take care of our people. We created a key spouses program to help commanders and first sergeants deal with the wartime demands on our military members and their families. Quarterly town hall meetings provided the latest information on a range of base issues and provided a forum to exchange ideas and issues. We established dormitory and Airmen's activity councils to give our youngest Airmen more responsibility and control over the quality of life issues directing affecting them. And in January we started monthly Wingman community events to reach out to the families of our deployed members and provide a variety of activities from pancake breakfasts to chili luncheons and Easter egg hunts. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the University of North

Dakota and the North Valley Arts Council, we've enjoyed nearly a half million dollars in free tickets to athletic and cultural events through Operation Enduring Friendship.

We've also taken many steps to hone our ability to fight and win in combat. Our deployment and redeployment processes have been retooled, and we invested resources to turn an aircraft hangar into a world-class deployment processing center. We've worked with Strategic and Air Mobility Commands to refine how we train and maintain our readiness to support a broad range of conventional and nuclear missions. We procured equipment to better prepare us to operate in chemical, biological and nuclear-contaminated environments. Last Tuesday we cut the ribbon on the first phase of a four-phase project to overhaul our operations and maintenance facility and bring this critical building up to 21st Century standards. We implemented enhanced aircraft refurbishment and LEAN logistics processes that have increased our aircraft fleet mission capable rates to unprecedented levels. In fact we've exceeded the Air Mobility Command mission capable rate standard of 85 percent for seven consecutive months! Finally, we embraced fit to fight as our Air Force way of life, and took steps to reduce the harmful use of tobacco and alcohol across our wing family.

I'm also very proud of our enhancements we've made to our com-

munity facilities. In 2003 we opened the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center to provide a safe place for our younger Airmen to have fun. Last year we opened a new, state-of-the-art Commissary that replaced a five decade old facility, and completed 50 new Senior NCO homes that meet the new Department of Defense quality and space standards. In 2005 we completed another phase of new homes for chief master sergeants, senior NCOs and field grade officers, and will soon open new homes for our company grade officers. This year we're poised to open J.R. Rockers, an expanded education center, and the Cold War Heritage Park.

In recognition of all our accomplishments the wing was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for

the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004. This was the second consecutive Outstanding Unit Award for the wing. I can assure you that all Warriors of the North earned this recognition through countless hours of dedicated work carrying out the Global War on Terrorism, both at home and abroad.

Thanks for taking care of your Wingman and performing our vital air mobility mission with unprecedented success. We are truly making a difference in our quest to rid the world of terrorists and have to be ready to keep up the pressure. I know the Warriors of the North will continue to perform at an incredible level. Patty and I wish you great health, fair winds and continued great success as you provide unequalled service to our nation!



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyrrell

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing
commander

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The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base. For questions about current events or rumors, leave a message. Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

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Consecutive DWI-free days

Goal is zero DWIs.

THE LEADER Warriors of the North



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

Cover: Airman 1st Class Dustin Rasmussen, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron, works on a print of the upcoming runway construction project. Many other such projects are ongoing and planned for the year. For more, see pages 10 and 11.

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Commentary

Spring preparations help prevent vehicle mishaps

By Gary Johnson

319th Ground Safety Manager

Another North Dakota winter is winding down, and if you're like me you can't wait for warmer weather. Unfortunately, mishaps usually increase at this time of year. I don't know if we get complacent looking at snow-free roads, but something makes us less cautious than we were in the dead of winter. In fact, North Dakota spring driving may be the most treacherous. Rapid changes in weather plus warm days and below-freezing nights make for unpredictable road conditions.

Once we get a little warm, dry weather, farmers

start their spring cultivation and planting. The limited growing season here means we can expect an increase in large farm vehicles on the roads. Remember these vehicles have the right-of-way and yield to them. Another issue is increased amounts of mud and dirt on paved roads. Tractors and other similar vehicles can carry an enormous amount of mud in their tires and shed it once out of the fields.

This brings us to travel on gravel roads. A couple of years back base personnel were involved in 19 vehicle rollovers in two weeks, the majority of which occurred on gravel roads. Fortunately, all of them were wearing seatbelts and shoulder harnesses and escaped serious injury. Gravel roads in spring time

have soft spots from previous frost deposits. You can be driving along on what appears to be a perfectly dry, solid road when all of a sudden it feels as though someone just stepped on the brakes. These soft spots are capable of yanking the steering wheel out of your hands if you're not paying attention.

My final advice about spring driving; if you leave the road and drive into mud, continue to drive straight in the direction the car is going.

Do not attempt to turn or back up onto the road. It's better to be pulled out of the mud by a wrecker than risk a rollover. By expecting the unexpected and tailoring your speed to road conditions, you can have a safe spring.

Honoring the Warrior heritage

By Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

The base recognized its warrior heritage, and one Airman, with the help of his daughter, continued nearly three decades of service during the ribbon cutting ceremony for Heritage Hall in building 607 Tuesday.

The 46 year old building, after numerous spot repairs is going through a four phase total reconstruction.

“The concept of Heritage Hall began several months ago, before the finishing touches of phase 1 were complete,” said Col. Lee DeRemer, 319th Operations Group commander. “We wanted a show-place where the heritage of this wing could be displayed and honored by all.”

Heritage Hall commemorates different times throughout the wing’s history.

Building 607 is home to the 319th Operations and 319th Maintenance Group command sections along with the 319th Operations Support Squadron, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 319th Maintenance Squadron, 319th Maintenance Operations Squadron and several wing staff agencies explained Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander.

“Today we take our first formal look at an investment in the future of the base. This is just one more



Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

Technical sergeants Ronnie Busha and Mark Bollig, 319th Maintenance Group and 319th Maintenance Operations Squadron respectively, reflect on the quote above the fountain in the newly-opened Heritage Hall. The bases history is prominently displayed throughout the hall.

way that we’re investing to take care of our number one priority...our Airmen.”

After the ribbon cutting, Warriors witnessed the

reenlistment of Chief Master Sgt. William Karasko, 319th Operations Group, by his daughter 2nd Lt. Kristin Karasko, 319th Operations Support Squadron.

Base has hoppin’ fun at Wingman Community Event



Photos by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

More than 250 people were on hand for the March community meal Saturday, sponsored this time by the 319th Operations Group. There were many activities such as an egg hunt, egg toss, continental breakfast and photos with the Easter bunny.

(Above) Kelson Demmons sits patiently while getting his face painted. Children of all ages were invited to join in the numerous activities.

(Right) A base youth picks up eggs during one of three egg hunts.



News

Change of Command

Full dress rehearsal is Monday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for all participants. The uniform for rehearsal is service dress with pants, flight cap and nametag.

The change of command ceremony is in the 3-bay hangar, Tuesday at 10 a.m. Showtime for all participants is at 8:30 a.m.

The uniform is the same as the dress rehearsal. Parking is limited so use of the bus is highly encouraged.

A reception at the Northern Lights Club will immediately follow the ceremony.

A receiving line is planned so Warriors of the North can meet

Colonel and Mrs. William Bender and family.

BTZ Promotions

Thirteen Airmen were selected for Senior Airman below the zone:

Maria T. Cruz, 319th Comptroller Squadron.

Joseph W. Luksik, 319 CPTS.

Timothy A. Styers, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Joseph P. Klimaski, 319th Security Forces Squadron.

Joshua R. Martini, 906th Air Refueling Squadron.

Robert P. Spence, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Jeremy B. Barrett, 319 CES

Daniel C. Urbanski, 319th Communications Squadron.

Jessica M. Miller, 319 CS.

Kenneth J. Babb, 319th Maintenance Squadron.

Ross M. Biel, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Andre M. Fagan, 319 AMXS.

Scott A. Harbison, 319 AMXS.

Tornado Exercise

The base will conduct a tornado response exercise Thursday around 9 a.m. As part of it, the base will sound the tornado warning siren, a three to five-minute steady tone. People should shelter in place, however the exercise will not affect the base exchange, com-

missary, shoppette, in-flight kitchen, family housing or Airey Dining facility. For details call the inspector general's office at 747-4100.

Free Elite Eight Division II Basketball Tickets

Free tickets are available for the NCAA Men's Elite Eight Basketball Tournament at Ralph Engelstad Arena as part of Operation Enduring Friendship.

Base personnel can pick up six tickets per family at the gift shop in the community activities center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Limited tickets available.

For more information, call the CAC at 747-6104.

Change of command bus schedules

Rehearsal schedule (Monday)

Route 1

Pickup Points	Times
Bldg. 459 (Logistics Readiness Squadron)	8:45 a.m.
Bldg. 523 East (LRS/Operations Support Squadron)	8:50 a.m.
Bldg. 522 East (Civil Engineer Squadron)	8:55 a.m.
Bldg. 408 West (LRS)	9 a.m.
Bldg. 314 West (Inspector General/ Communications Squadron)	9:05 a.m.
Bldg. 109 East (Clinic)	9:10 a.m.
Bldg. 101 South East (Military Personnel Flight)	9:15 a.m.
Bldg. 459 (LRS)	9:20 a.m.

Route 2

Bldg. 459 (LRS)	8:45 a.m.
Bldg. 410 South (CES)	8:50 a.m.
Bldg. 418 East (Contracting Squadron/CES)	8:55 a.m.
Bldg. 541 East (906th Air Refueling Squadron)	9 a.m.
Bldg. 607 East (Operations Group)	9:05 a.m.

Bldg. 607 South (Aircraft Maintenance Squadron/ Maintenance Squadron)	9:10 a.m.
Bldg. 607 West (AMXS/ Maintenance Operations Squadron)	9:15 a.m.
Bldg. 621 West outdoor recreation	9:20 a.m.

Formation schedule (Tuesday)

Route 1

Pickup Points	Times
Bldg. 459 (LRS)	7:30 a.m.
Bldg. 523 East (LRS/OSS)	7:35 a.m.
Bldg. 522 East (CES)	7:40 a.m.
Bldg. 408 West (LRS)	7:45 a.m.
Bldg. 314 West (IG/CS)	7:50 a.m.
Bldg. 109 East (Clinic)	7:55 a.m.
Bldg. 101 South East (MPF)	8 a.m.
Bldg. 459 (LRS)	8:05 a.m.

Route 2

Bldg. 459 (LRS)	7:30 a.m.
Bldg. 410 South (CES)	7:35 a.m.
Bldg. 418 East (CONS/CES)	7:40 a.m.
Bldg. 541 East (906th)	7:45 a.m.
Bldg. 607 East (OG)	7:50 a.m.
Bldg. 607 South (AMXS/MXS)	7:55 a.m.

Bldg. 607 West (AMXS/MOS)	8 a.m.
Bldg. 621 West (outdoor recreation)	8:05 a.m.

Spectator schedule (Tuesday)

Route 1

Pickup Points	Times
Bldg. 459 (LRS)	8:45 a.m.
Bldg. 523 East (LRS/OSS)	8:50 a.m.
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Bldg. 621 West (outdoor recreation)	9:20 a.m.
For details call Staff Sgt. Fred Passanant at 747-3971.	

Base Activities

Saturday

ARTS AND CRAFTS SPECIALS

March is national craft month. Arts and crafts specials include 25 percent off paint brushes and beading supplies. Class fees start at \$5. There is a framing class on Saturday and on Sunday there will be a class on making grandmother brag pins and jewelry. For details call 747-3482.



Photo by Maj. Paul Smithwick

Fit Family Friday

Children run a fitness test during Fit Family Fridays at the fitness center. The program gives parents a chance to work out while volunteers play and exercise with their children. For more information call the fitness center at 747-3384.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

For ages 9 to 12 at 7 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 9 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is a dollar for non-members and free for members. For details call the youth center at 747-3150.

Sunday

EASTER BRUNCH

There will be a special brunch at the Northern Lights Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include breakfast items, savory meats and desserts. Reservations are required and can be made today until 4 p.m. Cost is adults, \$14.75, children 5 - 12, \$9.75 and children 4 and under free. Also, each club member receives a \$2 discount. For more information call the Northern Lights Club at 747-3392.

Monday

SLEEP IN, MAKE BREAKFAST

Stop by Fast Eddie's for an "Almost Continental Breakfast." Help yourself to a variety of hot and cold cereals. Cost is \$1.50 and breakfast is served until 11:30 a.m. For more information call 747-6201.

Tuesday

GOLF SEASON IS HERE.

Purchase this year's season's green fee pass at last year's price until April 1. Club members get an additional \$10 discount.

For more information call the Golf Course at 747-4279.

Thursday

NEXT AMERICAN IDOL

Go to the W.A.R. Center every Thursday night from 7 to 11 p.m. for karaoke. All it takes is a voice and little bit of courage to participate. For more information stop by, or call 747-5733.

MAINTENANCE POTLUCK

Maintenance Group spouses will hold a potluck for all group spouses at 6:30 p.m. at the community activities center. On-site babysitting will be provided for those whose spouses are deployed or work swing shift. Bring a covered dish to share.

For questions, contact Tera Hart at 594-8038.

Friday

FUNKY FRIDAYS

There will be a dance party at the Northern Lights Club featuring music by DJ Kenny "C" and DJ "G" Flava. Happy hour is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hip hop and rhythm and blues music will play from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. For more information call the Northern Lights Club at 747-3392.

Upcoming

WAR CENTER POOL TOURNEY

Stop by the W.A.R. Center on the first and third Friday of each month at 7 p.m. for double elimination pool tournaments. Cost is \$5 to participate and the winner receives half of all admis-

sion fees. The first Friday is the eight-ball tournament and the third Friday is nine-ball tournament.

For more information call the W.A.R. Center at 747-5733.

INTERESTED IN OUR TRIPS

Have somewhere you would like to go? Call outdoor recreation, name a place and a date and they will help organize the trip. It's called Design-A-Tour and it's a simple way of planning a great getaway to the destination of your choice. Only six people are needed for the trip. For more information call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

CARD GAME AT FAST EDDIE'S

Come play spades and whist at Fast Eddie's on April 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 747-6201.

LEARN MORE ABOUT 'TEVO'

Teen Volunteer Opportunities will meet at the Library April 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All teens, ages 13 to 18, are invited to join this on-base community service program. For more information call the base library at 747-3046.

EVERY CHILD IS A WINNER

Children age five and under will get their photos taken on April 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Liberty Square. The photos will be displayed throughout April in the community activities center. Cost is free. Representatives will be available to give information to parents. For details call 747-6806.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m., Sunflower Chapel.

Weekday Mass: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sunflower Chapel.

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m., Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment at 747-5673.

Catholic Scripture Study: Call 747-3073 for details.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Adult Education, Rite of Christian Initiation Adults and Sacramental Programs: 11 a.m., Sunday, Twining Elementary School.

For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 11 a.m., Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m., Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Young Adults: 6 p.m., Friday, call Chaplain Swain, 747-4359 for details.

Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m., Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Prairie Rose Chapel annex.

Protestant Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Noon, Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.



JEWISH:

Call B'nai Israel Synagogue at 775-5124.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, ORTHODOX, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Catholic (Sunflower Chapel):

Today, 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday.

Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Easter Vigil.

Sunday, 9 a.m., Easter Sunday.

Protestant (Prairie Rose Chapel):

Today, 6 p.m., Good Friday Service.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Son of the Mask (PG)

This newest film in the "Mask" series focuses on aspiring cartoonist Tim Avery who's feeling reluctant to become a father when he finds that he has to take care of a baby with amazing abilities. Somehow, the baby has the powers of the Mask of Loki, a mythological object that transforms its user into a manic shapeshifting alter-ego. As bad as a baby with godlike powers might seem, the 'really' bad news is that Loki wants his mask back.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

The Aviator (PG-13)

A snapshot in the life of the legendary Howard Hughes as he begins to direct the 1930 film "Hell's Angels" starring Jean Harlow. Hughes' obsession with perfection in the aerial sequences spurs him to extreme lengths, such as waiting interminably for perfect conditions, right down to cloud formations. "The Aviator" ends in 1946, when Hughes was still a young man and romancing actresses like Ava Gardner and Katharine Hepburn.

April 1, 7 p.m.

Hitch (PG-13)

Will Smith plays a "date doctor" who claims to be able to find customers perfect romantic match in three dates or fewer. A female journalist (Eva Mendes) doubts his claim and pretends to be looking for love to expose the fraud.

April 2, 3 p.m.

Special premiere showing, call the theater for details.

April 2, 3 p.m.

Constantine (R)

John Constantine (Keanu Reeves) has the unique ability to see the half-breed angels and demons that disguise themselves as humans and walk the Earth.

These visions nearly drove him insane, and they led him to attempt suicide and become close friends with the bottle. Now destined to patrol the border between heaven and hell, also known as Los Angeles, Constantine works to save people's souls. His latest task: helping a police detective (Rachel Weisz) solve the mysterious death of her twin sister.

April 3, 7 p.m.

Because of Winn-Dixie (PG)

A 10-year-old girl moves to a small Florida town with her preacher father (Jeff Daniels), where she befriends a stray dog whom she names Winn-Dixie. The mutt helps her make friends with local townspeople and eventually allows her to repair her relationship with her dad.

April 8 and 9, 7 p.m.

The Pacifier (PG)

Shane Wolfe (Vin Diesel) is a Navy SEAL who has to leave his usual military work to take on his most dangerous assignment yet: protecting the five children of a recently assassinated government scientist.



Tickets: \$1.75 children, \$3.50 adults.
For details cal 747-3021/6123

Future plans: What's on the table

By Scott Rudolf
319th Civil Engineer Squadron

This will rival previous years as one of the largest construction efforts in base history. Here's a look at what's going on this summer.

Main Gate

Visitors may experience traffic delays when entering or leaving the base. This is due to several projects finishing the new entry control facilities.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-April and will continue into late summer. Cars, sport utility vehicles and light-duty trucks will continue to use the main gate while commercial, construction-related and over-sized traffic will use the south gate. There may also be times when traffic will exit the base through the south gate. It is also possible the main gate may close to traffic.

These efforts, totaling nearly \$3.4 million, are part of a more than \$100 million command-wide initiative to create more secure base entry control points.

The new facilities will provide an improved environment for Airmen guarding the base. This is especially needed because cold winters make extended outdoor duty difficult.

The main gate will feature a drive-through canopy with heated identification checkpoints and a larger gatehouse. Additionally, the main gate

will have a separate vehicle inspection facility that will accommodate two vehicles side-by-side for vehicle inspections. The existing visitor's center parking lot

will be expanded for easier and safer access.

Main Gate

Parking Lot

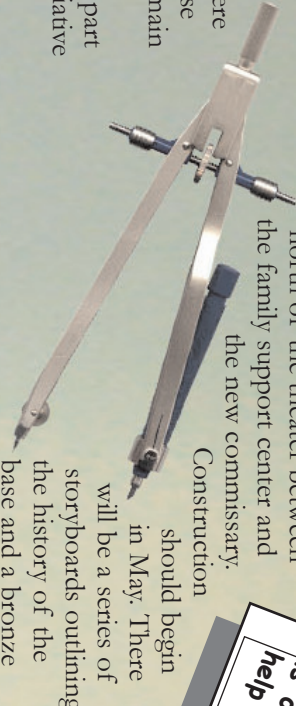
A new parking lot will be built near the main gate, east of County Highway 3, on the west end of the Sunflake housing area. The new lot will be lighted and accommodate 20 vehicles. This \$58,000 dollar project is scheduled to begin in mid-July and last through September.

South Gate

A dual-lane inspection facility will be built between the highway and the current south gate. This drive-through facility will be able to hold two tractor-trailers at a time. It will also feature underground inspection pits. Once completed, these facilities will complement existing bollards and other planned vehicle control systems. They will also be compatible with future 'smart gate' technology that may include electronic card readers and automated traffic control devices.

Cold War Park

We are continuing construction of a Cold War Park to commemorate the history of the base. This park will be built north of the theater between the family support center and the new commissary.



Construction should begin in May. There will be a series of storyboards outlining the history of the

base and a bronze statue of a Viking "Warrior of the North," reflecting this region's strong Scandinavian heritage and representing the thousands of Airmen who have served here with strength, fortitude and determination, proving that 'only the best come north.' The statue is currently on display at the base fitness center. The park will take two to three months to finish.

Community Area

Last summer most of the community area west of Holzapple was under major construction with the installation of new lights, sidewalks, parking lots and landscaping improvements from the Community Activity Center to the Family Support Center. Construction will resume in May on the restoration project. The work is scheduled to be completed in July.

JR Rockers

Two projects are underway to renovate the old officers club adjoined to the visitor quarters. Combined, these projects total more than \$2 million and will change the exterior and interior look of the facility. The exterior will be bricked and a new metal roof installed. The interior will get a complete

tioning system, and restrooms. This project is scheduled to be completed in mid-June.

Base Exchange, Bldg. 607

Parking Lots

We will continue repairing parking lots and upgrading lighting this summer. These two projects will proceed concurrently, starting in May and continuing throughout the summer. Construction traffic for these two projects will be mainly on Eielson and Holzapple. Alternate lots around Building 607 and the BX will be available for use during construction.

Old Deployment Center

The new deployment center has been finished and this summer we will demolish the old facility. This contract was awarded at a cost of \$700,000 and is scheduled to commence this spring. Completion will be sometime in June.

Hangar 605

Hangar 605 is under contract to receive a new flooring system that will brighten the workspace and provide a slip-resistant surface for personnel working in the facility. A second contract to replace the interior lighting has also been awarded. These projects are scheduled to begin after the runway closes in May and will be complete within 90 days. The total repairs will be about \$160,000.

Tuskegee Blvd.

Tuskegee Airmen Blvd. will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt from Eielson Street to H Street. This \$253,000 project also includes new concrete curbs, gutters, adjoining street approaches, and new sod. The project is scheduled to start in mid-July and continue through September. Detours will be marked as necessary during the execution of this project.

Navigational Aid Roads

Work will resume on the airfield navigational aid roads. Gravel roads will continue to be improved with some sections being paved.

Perimeter Road

A project is scheduled this summer to begin construction of a base perimeter road. The construction areas will be on the west and north sides of the base perimeter.

Taxiways

We will resume an \$8 million repair project on the parallel taxiway this spring, completing our efforts to replace approximately 6,000 feet of concrete. The taxiway project began last spring and was shut down just before winter. Although the taxiway was open to aircraft operations throughout the winter, the remaining 850 feet on the south end will be closed to resume repairs. The impact will be minimal because the runway and taxiways are scheduled to be shut down on May 1.

Last summer, Eielson Street experienced a large volume of truck traffic. This summer we are re-routing construction traffic through Alert Avenue onto the Alpha Ramp and eventually out to the taxiway in an effort to relieve some traffic pressure. The south gate will still be used as the primary entry/exit point for construction traffic.

Runway

Our largest single airfield project this year will be the repair of the runway. The \$27.5 million construction effort will replace the entire 50-year-old concrete runway. Major changes from the existing runway configuration are: asphalt pavement will replace concrete with the exception touchdown areas at either end; a final width of 150 feet instead of the existing 300-foot width; new drainage systems, and new runway lighting. The new runway will be constructed directly on top of the existing one. The existing concrete runway will be rubblized, compacted and used in other aspects of the project to minimize waste.

The project should begin this month, although the start date is weather-dependent, and continue through October.



Sports



Photos by Senior Airman Benjamin Kramer

James Lamb, 319th Services Squadron, hits a tennis ball during the Hawaiian open Saturday. The three teams warmed up with chili dogs before braving the snow.

Parents, children sweat;
women break boards,
throw attackers



Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

Senior Airman Jessica David breaks a board held by Master Sgt. Timothy Brown during a women's self defense class Monday.

Bowling

AMXS	142	66
COMM "B"	128	80
LRS "A"	127	81
MXS	127	81
911th ARS	120	88
MSS	119	89
COMM "A"	118	90
MDG	112	96
LRS "B"	111	97
CES	106	102
905th ARS	100	108
SVS	98	110
CMPTS	94	114
SFS	82	126
LRS "C"	76	132

Intramural Standings

Volleyball

LRS	6-1
MDG-A	5-2
CES	5-2
OSS	5-2
SVS\CS	5-3
MOS	4-4
SFS	3-4
MXS	2-5
MSS	1-6
MDG-B	0-7

Darts

MOS	61-17
SFS	45-33
MSS	41-37
CES	39-39
CS	29-49
SVS	28-50



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Capt. Heather Ray, 319th Medical Support Squadron, throws Master Sgt. Timothy Brown, 319 MDSS, during a women's self defense class organized by the Women's History Month Committee at the fitness center Monday. More than a dozen women participated in the class.